

REMARKS

In the amendments above, Claims 5, 10, and 11 to 13 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention. Amendments to Claims 5, 10, and 12 are intended to correct inadvertent terminological errors. Also, Claims 11 to 13 have been amended to be dependent upon Claim 6 to emphasize the common technical features of those claims.

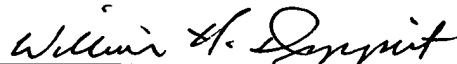
Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely, Claims 1 to 10, with traverse. However, Applicant submits that the claims as presently amended comprise, consistent with PCT Rule 13.2, one invention with two embodiments and that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. The methods of Claims 1, 11, and 13 comprise the steps of providing a polymer-lipid matrix capable of shifting its absorption band, and contracting said matrix with a sample to be analyzed. The method of Claim 1 utilizes said shift for detecting an analyte. The method of Claim 11 determines whether the native peptide or an analogue thereof is present in a case when said analyte is a peptide. The method of Claim 13 assesses the extent of similarity between activities of said analogue and said native form in a case when said analogue is present. After amending Claims 11-13, all the methods comprise a chemically non-reactive analyte, and therefore there is at least one special technical feature, common to all the methods, defining a contribution over the prior art.

Applicant believes that all the claims herein form one invention within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, and further that all the claims are allowable.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement and allowance of all the claims
herein are respectfully requested.

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